MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to take it from me that the road—

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to a point of order.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Raman Menon, you are supplying information and not questioning for eliciting information.

Metalling the road from Valiaperumpuzha to Mannar.

237. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that great loss and trouble are caused to the public because a portion of the principal road from Kayankulam, *viz.*, the portion from Valiaperumpuzha to Mannar, is still ungravelled and is unfit for cart traffic?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to have this portion of the road gravelled and rendered fit for cart traffic as early as convenient?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government are not aware.

(*b*) There is not much traffic and so the gravelling of this road is not an urgent necessity.

Metalling of the Kayankulam-Adur Road.

238. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that portions of the Kayankulam-Adur road, for about 2 miles beyond Kayankulam, are very dangerous for wheeled traffic at present?

(*b*) In consideration of the fact that the road is the chief road leading eastwards from the shores of the lakes in Central Travancore, and is being constantly used for heavy wheeled traffic in the transport of agricultural produce, manure, etc., will the Government be pleased to have the road metalled and maintained in a satisfactory condition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The portion of the road is understood to be unsatisfactory.

(*b*) An estimate has already been sanctioned for remetalling the 1st four miles of the road, and work in the first and ¾ of the 2nd mile has been completed. Metal collection for remetalling the remaining portion is proceeding and the actual work of metalling will be done soon after the monsoon sets in.

Abolition of P. W. D. Sub-Divisions and redistribution of jurisdiction of Section Officers.

239. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Cannot the Sub-division offices in the Public Works Department be abolished in the interests of economy and more undivided responsibility for proper work?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether a redistribution of the jurisdiction of Section Officers is not desirable in the interests of economy and a proper distribution of work?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Such an enquiry is unnecessary as the present jurisdiction of Section Officers is by no means fixed. It is extended or reduced, as occasion demands.

Defalcations by the Proverthikars of the dues to the Terur Kulam Irrigation Block Board.

240. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether in the letters of the President of the Terur Kulam Irrigation Block Board addressed –

(1) to the Chief Secretary to Government, (No. 24, dated the 8th September 1925),

(2) to the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner, (No. 21, dated the 24th July 1925),

(3) to the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum Division, (No. 22, dated the 24th July 1925), and

(4) to the Tahsildar, Agastisvaram taluk, (No. 12, dated the 27th Dhanu 1100),

he had complained that a considerable amount of arrears of the Block Board dues collected by the *Proverthikars* concerned is being retained by them in their own hands?

(*b*) If so, will they be pleased to state whether they or any of their subordinates in the Revenue Department made any enquiry regarding these allegations, and, if so, what is the result of such enquiry?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Beyond a general allegation, no specific instances have been cited to admit of action being taken against the persons at fault. Strict instructions have been issued to the *Proverthikars* to retain no collections but to hand them over to the Boards as soon as made.

(*b*) No enquiry is possible in view of the vagueness of the allegations and the absence of specific instances.

Collection of dues for 1101 to the Suchindram Irrigation Block Board.

241. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the current year's Block Board dues to the Suchindram Irrigation Block Board are being collected by the *Proverthikars* concerned and, if so, who authorised them to collect such dues when the Rules framed under Section 32 of the Irrigation Regulation, III of 1072, as amended by Regulations I of 1090 and V of 1097 authorise the revenue authorities to collect only arrears of such cess?

(*b*) If the action of the Tahsildar of Agastisvaram was right, will they be pleased to state:

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